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PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



In the application of  
Naoko MASATSUJI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/492,763

Confirmation No.: Unknown

Group Art Unit: 1614

Filed: January 27, 2000

Examiner: V. Kim

For: DERMAL AGENT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2001. A petition and fee for one month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the time period for reply from June 1, 2001 to Monday, July 2, 2001, July 1, 2001 being a Sunday.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 7, 8 and 10-15 were withdrawn from consideration and claims 1-6 and 9 were rejected.

**I. Priority**

The Examiner acknowledged Applicants' claim for priority based upon JP 11-17478 filed having a priority date of January 26, 1999, however, the Examiner further indicated that since the U.S. non-provisional application was filed on January 27, 1999, more than 12 months after the filing date of the Japanese application, foreign priority cannot be based on the Japanese